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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN The Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Stan:-

We were delighted to receive your letter of 21 November giving us the choice between Wednesday, 12 April, and Thursday, 13 April, as optional dates for you to visit us here for a guest lecture in the spring. We strongly opt for Thursday, 13 April, with the following proposed schedule (assuming that you would be travelling on a government plane and thus have flexibility):

Thursday, 13 April 1977

- 1000 -- Arrive at Lexington Airport
- 1015 -- Airport news conference with local media (to get this out of the way immediately)
- 1045 -- Depart airport for hotel room facilities in Lexington, freshen up, etc.
- 1100 -- Check in to hotel for 30 minutes of freshening up, etc.
- 1130 -- Depart hotel for noon meeting of Greater Lexington Rotary Club
- NOON -- Lunch and 20-minute talk to Greater Lexington Rotary Club (400 members can be expected, with some additional coverage from local media)
- 1315 -- Depart Rotary Club luncheon and go to University campus
- 133Ø -- Begin two-hour informal seminar discussion session with Patterson School students and faculty/staff (no media coverage)
- 153∅ -- Return to hotel for two-hour break, privacy, etc.
- 1730 -- Begin "happy hour" with Patterson School Board of Advisors (BOA)
- 1815 -- Begin dinner with Patterson School BOA [of which you are a charter member]
- 1900 -- Adjourn dinner, and move to lecture hall on University campus
- 193∅ -- General public lecture on University campus (BOA members in attendance)
- 2015 -- Q&A session immediately following lecture, for 30 minutes
- 2100 -- Limited-attendance informal reception on campus, ending not later than 2200

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This schedule would clearly keep you pretty busy while in Lexington, but we know this is your s.o.p. We have tried to include a few spots for catching your breath, phoning back to your office, etc.*

This schedule would free you to depart the campus at 2200 on Thursday evening, and you could get away from the Lexington Airport by 2215 if you are on a government plane already warmed up and ready to take you to your next destination. At that same time, we will take all of our BOA members via surface transportation down to Lake Cumberland Resort where our main BOA meetings will take place on Friday-Saturday 14-15 April.

If you will be travelling by commercial air, the best bet from our perspective which would still allow you to meet this proposed schedule would be to arrive here on Wednesday night, 12 April, presumably on the Eastern non-stop jet departing Washington National about 2030 and arriving here about 2145. That would give you a good night's sleep, with nothing planned that evening, and you could work by phone from your hotel spaces here on Thursday morning until a press conference which we could schedule at the hotel at the same suggested time of 1015 or perhaps 1030. From that point onward, the schedule would flow as suggested on the first page here, for the remainder of the day on Thursday.

As for departures by commercial air, Eastern has a good non-stop back to Washington leaving here around 0800 each morning and arriving Washington National about 0920.

Of course, you may be arriving here from someplace other than Washington, or departing here for a destination other than Washington. In this case, we would have to explore modifications in our proposed schedule, unless you in fact will have the flexibility of a government plane at your disposal.

You said in your letter that you would in fact like to make one other stop on the same trip to Lexington. Two good possibilities that occur to me are: (1) Vanderbilt University in Nashville, 200 miles south of us; (2) or Ohio State University in Columbus, 200 miles north of us. Vandy has the advantage of being a renowned private school in the major city of the central South; Chancellor Alexander Heard at Vandy (an old pal of mine) is Chairman of the Board of the Ford Foundation and a few other impressive credentials. Or, Ohio State has a huge enrollment nearing 60,000, and our good friends at the Mershon Center would be excellent hosts. Either way, Vandy or Ohio State, we would be most pleased to handle preliminary exploratory contacts for you, if you give me basic guidance first. -- Or, only 90 miles north of Lexington is Cincinnati, where we could help to set up a talk for you with our good friends on the University of Cincinnati campus, or with our good friend former Senator Bob Taft (who is this year president of the Greater Cincinnati Council of the Navy League). Let us know your preferences. Meanwhile, if you don't stop us in a hurry, we are assuming that the general proposed schedule for 13 April here will stick. (For example, we have already alerted the Rotary Club.)

*I don't have to tell you that the Secret Service can easily install secure phones for your use while Happiest holidays!

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